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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2002, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

Monday, January 28, 2002

The Senate met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the President protempore (Mr. BYRD).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation, we begin the work of this week with an acute sense of our accountability to You. We claim Solomon's promise, "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."-Prov. 3:6. In response, we say with the psalmist, "Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord."-Psalm 19:14. Help us to remember that every thought we think and every word we speak is open to Your scrutiny. We commit this week to love You with our minds and to honor You with our words. Guide the crucial decisions ahead. Bless the Senators with Your gifts of wisdom and vision. Grant them the profound inner peace that results from trusting You completely. Draw them together in oneness in diversity, unity in patriotism, and loyalty in a shared commitment to You. And may these who lead honor and encourage their leaders here in the Senate: Tom Daschle, Trent Lott, Harry REID, and DON NICKLES. In the name of our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today we will be working again on the economic recovery legislation. We hope that Senators will offer amendments today and debate their measures. We hope we can have rollcall votes on these measures beginning tomorrow morning. There will be rollcall votes tomorrow morning. The leader has said he wants some votes, so we will have some votes tomorrow morning whether on this or some other matters.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

HOPE FOR CHILDREN ACT

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 622, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (H.R. 622) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1686 to expand the adoption credit, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle/Baucus amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute.

Durbin amendment No. 2714 (to amendment No. 2698), to provide enhanced unemployment compensation benefits.

Nickles (for Bond) amendment No. 2717, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a temporary increase in expressing under section 179 of such code.

Reid (for Baucus/Torricelli/Bayh) amendment No. 2718 (to amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for a special depreciation allowance for certain property acquired after December 31, 2001, and before January 1, 2004.

Reid (for Harkin) amendment No. 2719 (to amendment No. 2698), to provide for a temporary increase in the Federal medical assistance percentage for the medicaid program for fiscal year 2002.

Allen amendment No. 2702 (to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2698), to exclude from gross income certain terrorist attack zone compensation of civilian uniformed personnel.

Reid (for Baucus) amendment No. 2721 (to amendment No. 2698), to provide emergency agriculture assistance.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Who seeks recognition?

The Senator from Kentucky, Mr. Bunning.

AMENDMENT NO. 2699, AS MODIFIED

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I have an amendment at the desk, as modified. I call up amendment No. 2699.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the amendment.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Kentucky [Mr. BUNNING] proposes an amendment numbered 2699, as modified, to the language proposed to be stricken by amendment No. 2698.

The amendment, as modified, is as follows:

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.

